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¶1. (U) THIS CABLE IS SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED AND NOT FOR INTERNET DISTRIBUTION.

¶2. (SBU) The Brazilian Ministry of External Relations (MRE) has informed Post that the official delegation to the Washington International Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC 2008) is as follows:

Head of Delegation

-- Antonio Patriota, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States

Delegation

-- Senator Jose Tenorio, President of the Senate Biofuels

Sub-Commission

-- Jose Sergio Gabrielli, President of Petrobras

-- Manoel Bertone, Secretary for Production and Agro-energy, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Farming and Supply (MAPA)

-- Alexandre Strapasson, Director of the Department of Sugarcane and Agro-energy, MAPA

-- Joao Alzirio Herz Jornada, President of INMETRO (National Institute of Metrology, Standardization and Industrial Quality), Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade

-- Ricardo Dornelles, Director of the Department of Renewable Fuels, Ministry of Mines and Energy

-- Jose Miguez, Executive Secretary of the Inter-ministerial Commission of Climate Change, Ministry of Science and Technology

-- Isaias de Carvalho Macedo, Interdisciplinary Nucleus of Energy Planning, University of Campinas

-- Minister Andre Correa do Lago, Director of the Department of Energy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MRE)

-- Ministro Carlos Henrique Mojen, Brazilian Embassy in Washington, MRE

-- Counselor Marcus Arbizu, Organization of American States - Brazil Mission

-- First Secretary Claudia Vieira dos Santos, Head of the Department of New and Renewable Energy Resources, MRE

-- First Secretary Emerson Kloss, Brazilian Embassy in Washington, MRE

-- First Secretary Marcelo Martinez, Department of New and Renewable Energy Resources, MRE

-- Dr. Kepler Euclides Filho, the Executive-Director of Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA)

¶3. (SBU) The President of the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (EMBRAPA) Silvio Crestana, who had initially indicated his intent to attend WIREC (REFTEL), now will not be able to attend.

Dr. Kepler Euclides Filho, the Executive-Director of EMBRAPA, will replace him at the conference and on the Bioenergy Feedstocks Panel scheduled for 4:00 - 6:00pm on Wednesday, March 5, 2008.

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